

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 6 and 11-14 have been amended to better define the scope of the invention. Also, the means language has been eliminated from claims 1-4 and 11-14. No new matter has been added by these amendments.

The rejection of claims 1-15 under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Goheen (US Patent No. 5,724,520) is in error because Goheen does not teach the invention. The objective of Applicant's invention is creating a ticketless system for gaining entrance to an event. Claims 1-15 claim a system and method to achieve the objective of a ticketless system. Goheen does not teach a ticketless system; Goheen teaches a system to eliminate paper tickets by substituting a plastic card. Once a reservation is made in Goheen's method, the passenger is issued an identifying plastic card. FIG. 1A, column, lines 50-60. The plastic card is used for passenger identification and validation at the check-in counter at the entrance of the airport and departure gate. In other words, Goheen merely substitutes a plastic ticket for a paper ticket. Applicant's claimed invention as set forth in independent system claims 1 and 11 and independent method claim 6 are directed to a ticketless system which, unlike Goheen, permit passage without a ticket.

Furthermore, claim 1, as amended, requires "a fourth notification mechanism for notifying said ticket issuing center of fifth data for identifying said second user terminal [and] ...a permission mechanism for permitting the owner of said second user terminal to pass through an entrance gate...without a ticket." Goheen fails to teach a fourth notification mechanism and a permission mechanism. Goheen teaches using an airline-owned ATM-type

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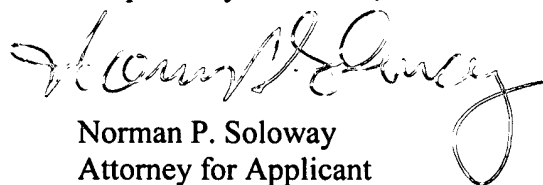
device to modify reservations; his system does not notify, identify, nor permit access for the owner of the second user terminal.

Thus, Goheen neither teaches nor renders obvious any of Applicant's claims.

Having dealt with all the objections raised by the Examiner, the Application is believed to be in order for allowance. Early and favorable action are respectfully requested.

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